

## The Crosswind Chronicle

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The focus is on preparing the student for the PMP® Exam in an accelerated pace and teaching PMI standards. The accelerated learning techniques utilized in the PMP Exam Boot Camp will allow the participant to be prepared for the exam in minimal time and become a PMP® as well as a more knowledgeable project manager based on PMI standards.

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### Exposure Drafts

In January of this year, the Project Management Institute (PMI) released exposure drafts of the PMBOK Guide Fourth Edition and second edition drafts of the Program Management, Portfolio Management, and OPM3 standards. Within 48 hours of their release, I saw a comment on a message board that I monitor where someone had sent in a question as they were confused about whether to study the 3rd or 4th edition of the PMBOK Guide for their PMP exam. The confusion was already starting. In this article for our initial Crosswind Chronicle newsletter, I will expand upon what PMI does with these exposure drafts, how you can influence them, and what they potentially do for you, the Project Management practitioner.

To begin with, PMI has a number of standards available, not just the PMBOK Guide. There are also available standards for scheduling, earned value, Work Breakdown Structure, configuration management, program management, portfolio management, OPM3 and more. It is expected that standards on risk management and estimating will also be released soon.

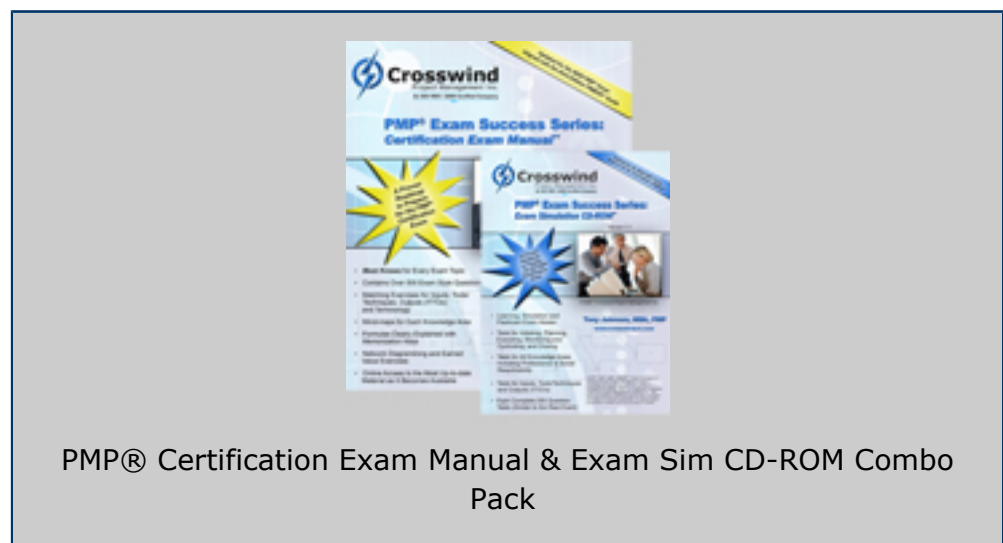
These standards allow Project Management practitioners to use them individually on projects, or in their PMO's, departments, and other areas where Project Management is preformed, to have a basis for how to best apply the area of the standard. For example, in the Program Management standard, an individual or department could see several approaches to apply program management in that company or on a particular program.

Approximately every five years PMI updates these standards. Occasionally things happen out of this five year cycle. This is one of those times. What PMI is trying to do right now with these four standards is ensure that the new releases of the PMBOK Guide, Program Management, Portfolio Management, and OPM3 standards align with each other. Portfolios influence programs and programs help define projects. Projects are addressed in the PMBOK Guide. The OPM3 standard helps establish how mature an organization is in Project, Program, and Portfolio Management.

Exposure drafts allow practitioners such as yourself a defined period of time to review the standards and to voice your opinions on what you like and do not like about the standards. During this review period, you can provide any feedback as to what might make the standards better and more applicable. After the review period closes, the development teams take the feedback and apply it as they see fit to the standard they have been assigned. It is not uncommon for a standard to have multiple exposure draft periods before it goes into production.

If we think about it, PMI was founded by a group of volunteers and has been built with a lot of support from volunteers. These standards are no different. Let's remember to watch PMI.org and contribute to these as the exposure draft periods occur.

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### Crosswind Opens Brazil Office

On March 24, 2008 a new Crosswind office was formally opened and our initial PMP Exam Review course was launched in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Fabio Medeiros, Country Manager has been instrumental in getting the office up and running with our initial class in a little over 60 days. This office will allow Crosswind to have a presence in the biggest market in South America and continue implementation of our global growth strategy. As we continue growing throughout South America this will allow us to have a base to be able to quickly respond to opportunities in Latin America. Crosswind PM in Brazil will focus on PMP Exam Review courses custom tailored to the Brazilian culture and work schedule as well as product availability and PMTV online training.



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